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For : HIGH-FIDELITY DNA SEQUENCING USING SOLID
PHASE CAPTURABLE DIDEXOYNUCLEOTIDES AND MASS
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AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
FILED WITH A CORRESPONDING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

This Amendment is submitted in order to address the rejections made in an October 9, 2002 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 9, 2002 Final Office Action is due January 9, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and accompanying RCE are being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claim 74 as follows: